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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, OPTICAL INFORMATION
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS, EXPANDER
LENS, COUPLING LENS AND CHROMATIC ABERRATION
CORRECTING OPTICAL ELEMENT

Inventors: Tohru KIMURA and Nobuyoshi MORI

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 237 pages, including 4 independent claims and 47 claims total.
2. Drawings- 29 sheets of drawings containing 30 Figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to KONICA MINOLTA OPTO, INC.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-117206, filed April 22, 2003, 2003-144755, filed May 22, 2003, 2003-385553, filed November 14, 2003 and 2004-071010, filed March 12, 2004.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	47	-	20	27	x \$18	486.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$86	86.00
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\$572.00 additional claims fee; and
\$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-117206, filed April 22, 2003, 2003-144755, filed May 22, 2003, 2003-385553, filed November 14, 2003 and 2004-071010, filed March 12, 2004.

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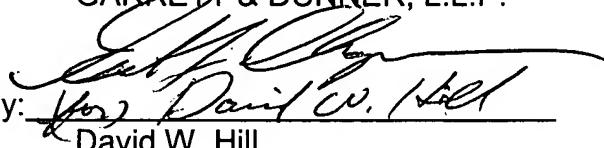
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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